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4-H CLUB ENROLLMENT REACHES NEW PEAK

Virginia's 4-H ers had a banner year in 1950, with enrollment climbing to 54,590, an increase of 11 per cent over the year before, says Dr. W. E. Skelton, state 4-H agent at V. P. I.

Quality went hand in hand with quantity, as evidenced by the handful of national honors Virginians brought home from the 1950 National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Dr. Skelton says. Virginia had four national winners, four alternates.)

With the increase in enrollment, there was an increase in project completions to 74 per cent.

Much credit goes, Dr. Skelton says, to the adult 4-H leaders. There now are 5,190 in Virginia, an increase of 12.8 per cent over 1949.

As for actual cash profits—the 25,418 club members taking agricultural projects put over $1,061,000 in their pockets in 1950. In addition they won $23,579 in prizes. The four most popular projects, in order, were: home and market garden; swine, poultry, and dairy.

In the homemaking projects, the clothing project continued to attract the most members with 19,050 enrolled. The next most popular project for girls was food preparation and preservation, followed by food production, room improvement, house ground beautification, housekeeping, and laundry.

ISSUE THE SAME

It appears to us that issue presented by Chinese Communist intervention in Korea is much the same as that presented last June by North Korean intervention. The major difference is that Chinese Communists are a bigger power than North Korea. What faces us and what faces the United Nations then is the moral issue of being as firm with a big power as with a small power. On that decision all of the smaller nations of the world will be watching. If we agree to the theory that a major power has rights of aggression denied to a small power, then indeed the moral force behind the UN is weakened.

DECENTRALIZATION OF INDUSTRY SEEN AS NEED

Movement of industry to rural areas to take advantage of off-season and surplus farm labor is pointed up as a "pressing need" in the nation's economy by Dr. J. L. Maxton, agricultural economist at V. P. I.

Dr. Maxton points out that about half the people living on farms are producing only about 10 per cent of the total farm output.

"Many industries should be decentralized and established in those rural areas of high population and low farm production . . . the great mass of workers should be recruited from nearby farm homes, thus eliminating the need for much home construction and wisely using available labor," he says.

Dr. Maxton says such a movement of industry would do more than anything else toward raising the standard of living in the group with the lowest standards.

He believes surveys should be made now to locate the areas with surplus farm workers and low production; and that decentralization of industry should begin immediately.

He says such action would be a boon to most county governments as a source of new and increased revenue; and "above all else, it would result in efficient use of labor and increase the output for both agriculture and industry."

"Maximum production at all times is the only acceptable answer for a higher living standard . . . the philosophy of restricted output to raise prices grew out of the depression of the 30's. It was unsound then and is doubly unsound now when full production is needed," Dr. Maxton says.

THAT WIND

(The New York Times)

There is no other wind quite like the wind of mid-January, whether it is a dry, cold wind, a wind laden with rain and sleet, or a plain storm wind full of snow and bitter. No matter what is freight, or lack of it, it speaks with the voice of winter. It rattles the door and shakes the pane. It sweeps around the corners with a growl in its voice, and it mutters in the chimney and makes the hearth fire leap. Each year when we hear it blowing in the trees we think again that the man who first moved into a cave, before he knew how to build a shelter for himself, was a wise man and in no sense a coward. He knew the January wind for what it is.

This winter wind comes from the high, cold hilltops, and it is little tempered by distance when it reaches the leafless valleys. What a cold, cruel thing a January wind whipping down a valley in the brief, cold dusk! Only one thing: The same wind roaring down the same valley at midnight when the stars are crisp and the moon rides high. Such a wind fairly crackles in the treetops. It whips across the icy pond like a lash, and it shivers the very house-beams.

At midday it is not half so cold a wind, regardless of the temperature. Wind in full daylight loses some of its edge, and wind under the sun, even the remote winter sun, is somehow dulled a little. It is the black wind of a winter night that has the really sharp fang. And then it is that he who first tamed fire becomes the great and legendary hero of shivering mankind. Without fire and shelter, mankind would surely have vanished from the earth long ago, and the winter wind would have been the agent of destruction.

USE FOR SAVINGS

This little observation first appeared in an Iowa paper: "There was a farmer, who, when adding up his monthly bills, told his wife, 'It's a good thing we saved up some money for a depression or we'd never be able to get through this period of prosperity."

WHAT WORRIES THEM

(New York World-T. Iegram)

"Plenty of '51 Sugar, Brannan Assures." It's the canning season of '52 many Democrats are worried about.

LONGEVITY

(The Joplin, Mo., Globe)

Some philosopher puts it this way: As we understand the doctors, you can live much longer if you quit everything that makes you want to.

HOUSEWIFE'S VERSION

(Christian Science Monitor)

We heard of a housewife the other day who sings, "Home, home with the range."

The Letter Box

January 17, 1951

Mr. Editor:

Please give me a little space in your paper, as I wish to express myself in regards to the Lord's greatness to us all. He is great because He made the world and all things therein. He is great because He knows all things. He is great because He can do all things. Great because He will give us what we need if we accept and let Him. I don't believe He can do all things for us if we don't love Him and keep His commandments, but He is merciful to us. We are told that Moses saw God face to face and talked with Him. I don't see God with a naked eye but I see Him through faith and by faith He is great. He has made it possible for us to see Him at midnight or midday or anywhere. I believe we, as Moses, talk with the Lord. It seems like we are in war. Let us all talk to God. He alone can bring peace. May the Lord bless us as we are starting out in the new year, 1951.

—Henry Phelps.

Ed Merrick named head football coach at the University of Richmond.

Original Sofa Purchased For The McLean House

The National Park Service Office at Appomattox has announced that the sofa from the surrender room at the historic McLean House has been acquired as a permanent display piece.

The Victorian-style sofa in mahogany with horse-hair upholstery, was purchased from Mrs. Bruce Campbell, Lutherville, Maryland. Mrs. Campbell is a granddaughter of Major Wilmer McLean.

The sofa has an interesting history. When Lee and Grant met in the parlor of the McLean House on April 9, 1865, the sofa stood on the west wall of the room just at the right of the door. General Horace Porter, who served on General Grant's staff, writing in 1897 his recollection of the meeting of Lee and Grant tells about the junior officers on Grant's staff entering the room to witness the signing of the surrender terms. Grant and Lee were seated, according to Porter's account. Colonel Marshall, Lee's aide-de-camp, was standing at the fireplace. The Union officers invited to enter the room walked in softly as Porter relates "and ranged ourselves quietly against the sides of the room, very much as people enter a sick-chamber when they expect to find the patient dangerously ill. Some found seats on the sofa standing against the wall . . . but most of the party stood."

When General Lee had signed acceptance of the surrender terms and left to tell his army that for them the war was over, Union officers besieged Major McLean and quickly took possession of all movable furniture in his parlor. General Sheridan purchased the table on which Grant had written out his terms, for twenty dollars in gold. General Ord paid forty dollars for the marble-top table at which Lee had been seated. Lee's cane-back chair went to Captain O'Farrell and General Capehart bought the swivel chair used by General Grant. About the only furniture left to Major McLean in the surrender room was the sofa and a secretary-desk.

Both the sofa and the secretary-desk were left eventually to Mrs. Harry E. Spilman, oldest of the McLean daughters. They were displayed at the West Virginia Building at the Chicago World Fair in 1893. Miss Caroline Phelps Stokes of New York City purchased the secretary-desk for $1500 shortly after the close of the fair. At the same time, Miss Stokes offered $1000 for the sofa but Mrs. Spilman refused to sell. The sofa, after Mrs. Spilman's death, went to her daughter, Mrs. John Beattie, Norfolk, Virginia. Mrs. Campbell bought the sofa from her cousin in 1940.

The sofa is the first original piece of furniture returned to furnish the surrender room at the McLean House. Funds for purchase of the sofa were provided by the Commonwealth of Virginia under a bill sponsored by Senator Charles T. Moses, Appomattox, and approved by Governor John Battle. Arrangements for the return of the sofa were made by J. Paul Hudson, Museum Administrator, Region One, National Park Service, Richmond, Virginia.

HIGHWAY TRAFFIC TAKES A HEAVY TOLL OF STATE'S WILDLIFE

According to Chester F. Phelps, chief of the Game Division of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, careless motorists are taking a heavy toll of the Commonwealth's wildlife resources.

Reports coming in to the Richmond offices of the Commission indicate that the smaller mammals of the state, and particularly those with nocturnal habits, are paying a heavy penalty on the highways.

The rabbit population has suffered considerable losses from this factor, and as Mr. Phelps points out, every rabbit killed on the highways means one less in the fields for the hunters of the state. If motorists would slow up, dim their lights, and blow the horn when they see game on the highways, the wildlife slaughter could be cut down considerably.

Facts About Polio Fund

Virginia experienced in 1950 the worst polio epidemic in its history. There were 1197 cases and 62 deaths in the state during the year from the disease. (Other years of high incidence: 567 in 1948 and 756 in 1944.)

Wythe County with 186 cases including 17 deaths, was the hardest hit area in the nation during 1950.

Virginia as a whole was second to Iowa in the nation in the number of cases per 100,000 population.

The average case of polio in Virginia in 1950 cost $700 Some will run as high as $6600 a year over a long period of time. An iron lung case costs $25 a day to care for plus, in many instances, extra nursing.

Of all money raised in Virginia by the March of Dimes, 83 per cent has been spent in Virginia, leaving but little for research, epidemic aid, education, and operations.

Because of the terrific costs of the 1950 epidemic, more than 70 per cent of the 107 Virginia Chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis were without funds as the year ended. Over $156,000 has been sent into Virginia by National Headquarters in New York for patient care. Nationally, the Foundation's deficit for the year was estimated at $5,000,000.

The March of Dimes must replace the deficit as well as furnish funds to treat unpredictable cases during 1951.

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Rocks

Rocks, Jan. 22.- The weather was very pretty and warm here the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary last Sunday. May they celebrate many more!

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roack took their son, Johnny, to Lynchburg on Tuesday to see the doctor again. Johnny is improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and children accompanied Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilson to Lynchburg on Monday night.

Christine Dickerson became ill at school one day last week and had to come home before time for the school bus.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson and Mr. and Mrs. Cal Ranson went to Evervreen recently to hear Miss Hazel Moon, a medical missionary home on furlough.

Mrs. Jesse Anderson, of Shawnee, Kansas is spending a few days here with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh spent Sunday with Mrs. Pugh's parents, Mrs. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

Mrs. Lewis Dickerson accompanied Mrs. Hudson Dickerson to Farmville Friday.

Dinner guests of Mrs. D. R. Inge Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Richardson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Claiborne Inge, of Appomattox and Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and Audrey Dale, of Pamplin; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Inge and Diane Byrd, of Farmville, and Mrs. Gladys Anderson, of Shawnee, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Ranson and daughter, of Madison Heights attended preaching at Rocks Sunday and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Payne, of Williamsburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder.

Lewis Dickerson took Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilson to Oakville Friday to see Mrs. Wilson's brother, J. Curry Abbitt, who is ill.

L. K. Almond sold his tobacco in Farmville last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Almond, of Madison Heights were in the neighborhood Sunday.

Buddy Jennings is recovering from a spell of sickness.

Toby Inge is adding on two more rooms and a basement to his dwelling house.

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L. C. Elder was helping D. S. Arranton on some out buildin- a few days last week.

Richwood

Richwood, Jan. 23.- "God intends no man to live in the world without suffering, but he intends every man to be happy in his work."—Quoted.

Services at Wesley Chapel at 3 P. M. Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Martin and daughter, Mary Lou were in Richmond Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh Sunday afternoon.

Lenwood Love, of U. S. Army, was the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Love.

Robert Hunter spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Wilburn's eleven year old daughter was taken to a Lynchburg hospital Monday by her parents and was given a minor operation Tuesday. She is doing well and is expected home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Bates are the parents of a baby girl, Shirley Jean, born in a Lynchburg hospital last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Reed and children, of Lynchburg were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and family.

Route One

Route One, Jan. 23.- The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ferguson was taken to a Lynchburg hospital Sunday night for treatment.

Mrs. Hardie Jones was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Jones on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Driscoll and Mrs. Walter Coldman, of Lynchburg visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hudson on Wednesday. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hudson and Irwin.

Mr. Artie Mayberry is out again after a brief illness.

Mr. Billie Reynolds and family visited in the home of Mr. W. T. Nash Sunday.

Mr. Joe Marshall, of Lynchburg visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall this week.

After seeing the lines of people waiting to see 'The Prince of Peace' makes one think how nice it would be to see them lined up in front of church on Sunday!

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Jan. 23.- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill and daughter, Mildred Ann visited Dr. and Mrs. E. C. James, of Salem, Sunday. They also visited Mrs. J. R. Thornhill, who is a patient in Memorial Catholic Childrens Hospital, Roanoke.

W. W. Thornhill and Mrs. Jessie Harvey, Sr. are patients at the Virginia Baptist Hospital. We wish for them a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds and daughter were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Jamerson and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thornhill, of Abingdon are visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. Curry Abbitt has returned home from the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Pamplin

Pamplin, Jan. 22.- Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black spent several days in Roanoke last week.

Mrs. George Ivins, and children, of Newport News were recent guests in the home of her mother, Mrs. Bessie Walkerson.

A. J. Ponton, Jr., George Smith and Mrs. Wainwright, of Newport News were guests last week of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall.

Mrs. Thomas Mann, of Richmond is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Williams.

The Business Woman's Circle met Tuesday night in the home of Mrs. C. B. Gilliam.

R. P. Harris, of Pulaski, visited in the home of his sister, Mrs. N. L. McClenny last week.

Kenneth Farrar and daughter, Norma Katherine, of Pearisburg, were recent guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Farrar.

N. S. Topping, of Appomattox, is visiting in the home of Mrs. C. C. Rosser.

Mrs. T. L. Wood and children visited Mr. and Mrs. K. L. McClenny, of Farmville Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Davis and daughter, Kathy were the week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne, of Phenix.

Miss Frances Mattox spent the week-end with friends at Virginia Beach.

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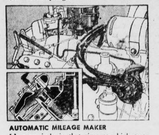
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